

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [25] beginning on page 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--While the embodiment of FIGS. 1 and 2 will enable excess gas to be expelled from the bag 20 after the primary closure members 42a and 42b are closed, it may be further advantageous to additionally provide a mechanism by which the liquid within the interior space 48 is substantially ~~preventing~~ prevented from exiting the bag 20 through the aperture 50. For example, if a frozen good is placed within the bag 20, the water resulting from thawing can be prevented from exiting through the aperture 50.--